

Israel Ambassador lauds Egyptian envoy

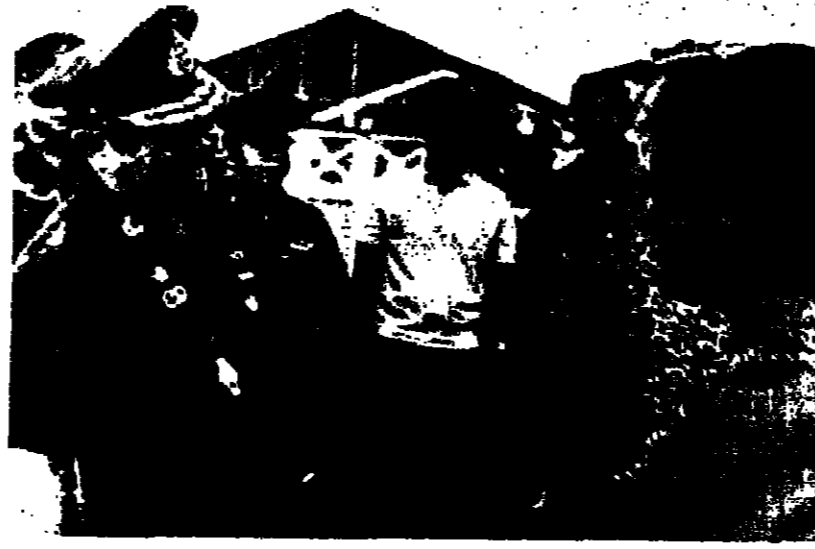
Thai diplomacy won the day

The full story of the Bangkok Embassy drama was revealed over the weekend, after the six Israeli hostages were freed early Friday morning.

The four terrorists, now in Cairo, will face "trial" by the Black September organization for failing in their mission and disobeying instructions.

By GEORGE LEONOF Jerusalem Post Correspondent BANGKOK — The wisdom of Thai diplomacy coupled with the fortitude of the Israeli hostages and the "thoroughly correct" behaviour of the Egyptian ambassador in Thailand resulted in the first bloodless but total frustration here of an Arab "Black September" terrorist blackmail attempt.

Israel would approve of their proposal to the terrorists for safe conduct to any destination of their choice, in exchange for the release, unharmed, of the Israelis. "At a later stage they requested our permission to enter the Israeli compound, along with Egyptian Ambassador Mustafa el-Essawy, to negotiate such a settlement."



Gen. Frapas Charusathien accepts a Thai greeting Friday from hostage Ruth Hadass minutes after she was freed. (AP radiophoto)

CABINET TO HEAR BANGKOK REPORT

By DAVID LANDAU Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent The Bangkok blackmail drama and its aftermath will come up for discussion at the Cabinet today with reports from various aspects of the episode from the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister.

Officials would not repeat the outright praise of the Ambassador voiced in Bangkok by Israel's ambassador to Cambodia, Shimon Avner, who was one of the hostages. "He was speaking in the heat of the moment," officials here explained.

From the king and just-invested Crown Prince to members of the Cabinet and security forces, the Thais worked through all available channels to bring about the peaceful departure of the Arab terrorists and the safety of the four Israeli diplomats and two of their wives.

That fact left unsaid but clearly implied that any harm to the Israeli hostages would be deeply resented by the entire people, who felt it an outrage that a friendly embassy was attacked on Thai territory and, moreover, on an auspicious day of nationwide festivity — the investiture of the Crown Prince.

President Zalman Shazar cabled King Bhumibol of Thailand, expressing the admiration and appreciation of all Israel at the manner in which the Thai authorities succeeded in securing the release of six members of the Israeli diplomatic service held at gunpoint by terrorist blackmailers.

Foreign press reaction has been solid condemnation of the terrorist action, with several leading newspapers recalling the failure of the U.N. to take any positive action to check terrorism.

"The Thais were fully aware of Israel's policy of not dealing with the terrorists," Amir told me. He denied reports that he had come under Thai pressure to have some sort of gesture made to the terrorists "although several times they asked me whether I had received any new instructions from Tel Aviv."

Amir and his wife Avital, in an obvious state of fatigue after a sleepless night of almost insupportable tension, were at a late luncheon when they received me Friday afternoon at their closely guarded residence, some two kilometers from the embassy. But they both became enraptured in speaking of the "magnificent effort by the Thai authorities" of the offers of help and concern from the American and other members of the diplomatic corps, and the Thai members of the embassy staff, who stayed with them throughout the day and night voluntarily, despite its being a public holiday.

There was no mention in any of the official statements of the part played by the Egyptian Ambassador, Mr. Mustafa el-Essawy, who acted as go-between in the negotiations with the terrorists. It was left to Foreign Minister Abba Eban in an interview yesterday to record that the Egyptian had "joined with the other factors which contributed to the successful outcome..." Mr. Eban said that the Egyptian's precise role in the affair was still unknown. He pointed to the vast difference between the Egyptian behaviour on Thursday and their refusal to help Germany at the time of the Munich kidnapping.

Speaking earlier, the Prime Minister noted the voluntary spirit of the two Thai ministers who offered themselves as hostages for the journey to an Arab country. "The Prime Minister also saluted Ambassador Rehavam Amir and the Israeli Embassy staff 'who neither rested nor relaxed for a single minute...'"

Advertisement for 'The Collector' featuring 'Fine Jewelry', 'Rare Judaica', 'Archeology', 'Old Maps', and 'Art Gallery'. It includes contact information for Michael Kaniels and the address 10 King David Street, Jerusalem.

Advertisement for 'at last...' featuring 'HAVE A FOOTHOLD IN ISRAEL'. It describes an apartment in Jerusalem and lists 'ANGLO-SAXON REAL ESTATE AGENCY LTD.' with contact details.

Black September will try Bangkok terrorists

By ANAN SAFADI, Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter The four Black September terrorists who seized and later released the Israeli hostages in Bangkok will face a court of inquiry for failing in their mission.

Advertisement for 'TOURIST!' featuring '30% Reductions', 'Duty & Tax-free export scheme', and 'Women's & Men's Suede & Leather Wear'. It lists 'I. SCHNEIDMAN & sons' with contact information.

"Al-Moharrer" said the four terrorists had firm instructions to blow up the Israeli Embassy with the hostages inside if their demands for the release of 96 terrorist prisoners in Israel were not met. The four were then to surrender to the Thai authorities, the paper added. It was quoting "sources connected with the Black September movement."

Advertisement for 'Shalom STORES' featuring 'TOURIST! SHALOM STORES', 'The Leading Department Store in Israel', and '15% - 30% REDUCTIONS for Tourists on most items. 30% discount on leatherware'.

Advertisement for 'BUILDING PLOT IN REHOVOT' featuring 'Good Investment From IL19,500' and 'Private land. On hill overlooking the city.' It lists 'Apply to General Investments 55 Allenby Road, Tel Aviv'.

Advertisement for 'TOURISTS!' featuring 'Special Government tourist reductions AT THE NEW LEADING FASHION HOUSE' and 'LADIES' FASHIONS', 'MEN'S FASHIONS', 'MEN'S SHOES BOUTIQUE', 'TEENAGE STYLES', 'SPECIAL GIFTS'. It lists 'Schneidman' with contact information.

Advertisement for 'GALA PERFORMANCE IN HAIFA...' featuring 'Every visit to our display rooms is a gala performance for the woman of discerning taste that is able to appreciate a fine piece of jewellery, created in good taste...' and 'HAIFA DIAMOND CENTRE'.

WASHINGTON — President Nixon has ordered the bombing of North Vietnam halted and Dr. Henry Kissinger's secret Paris peace talks will resume January 8, the White House said yesterday.

The announcement from Washington came after the quietest day in the resumed air war. The U.S. Military Command did not report any losses in the air yesterday.

The U.S. resumed bombing Hanoi-Haiphong area. During same period, North Vietnam claimed to have downed five of the new F-4E swing-wing F-111 fighter-bombers and 40 other U.S. warplanes, most of the more conventional F-4 and A-1H fighter-bombers.

Technical talks between experts from both sides will resume January 2. These lower level talks have continued sporadically since Kissinger's sessions reached an impasse.

STOCKHOLM — Swedish Premier Olof Palme, one of the sharpest critics of U.S. warfare in Vietnam, yesterday said President Nixon's decision to limit the bombings above the 20th Parallel is "a very gratifying step in the right direction."

Informed sources in Washington said the acting head of the U.S. Embassy in Stockholm also said the U.S. had asked Sweden not to renege the peace ambassador in Washington, due to return home on January 8. His successor had been due to arrive in Washington at about the same time.

The Hanoi peace delegation said that if the U.S. shows a "sensible attitude and good will an early cease-fire and peace accord can be signed soon."

Washington's request follows out-spoken Swedish criticism of the aerial blitz and came after the U.S. State Department said the American peace negotiators in Stockholm would not return to their post from home leave "at this time."

Helicopters and swamp boats were bombing the Everglades yesterday after an Eastern Airlines jumbo jet crashed into the Florida swamp. Officials said 93 passengers had survived and were taken to hospital, but 74 were feared dead. (Story and picture on page 4.)

Planes hit Syria after Golan shelling

By HIRSH GOODMAN Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent Israel Air Force planes struck the Syrian army base at en-Nekh, between Damascus and Homs, at 11.45 last night. All the planes returned safely. The air attack came after the Syrians had directed artillery fire during the evening at settlements and outposts on the Golan.

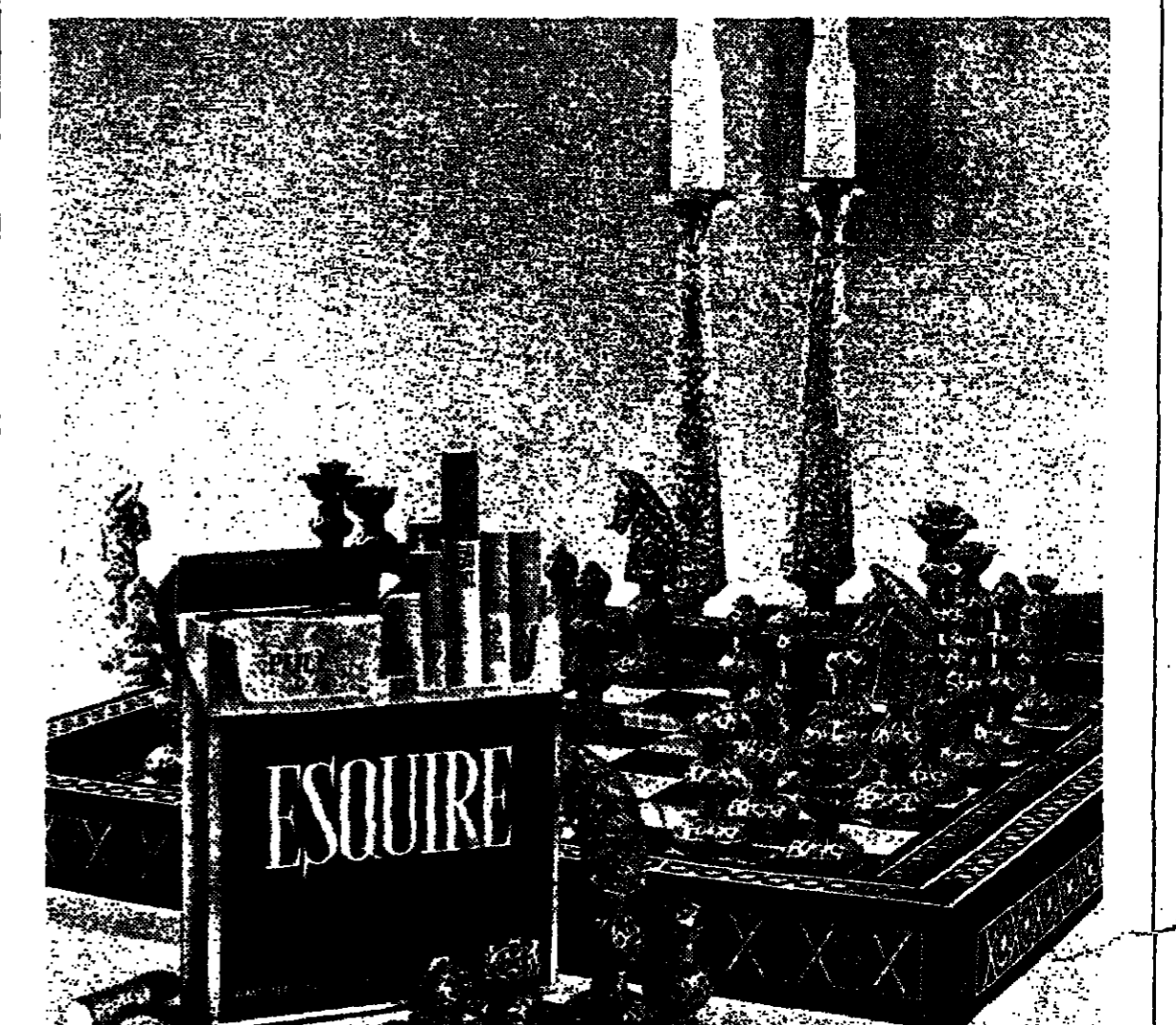
Syria were interrupted for the announcement. The first barrage was directed at positions near the Hermon and northern section of the frontier, and lasted for nearly an hour, till shortly after 8.30 last night. Though the concentration of fire was heavy, little damage was thought to have been caused.

artillery opened fire on army positions and settlements following an Israeli air raid. Both then and on Wednesday the air raids came in response to incessant terrorist activity from Syrian territory. In November the artillery duel escalated into what was one of the heaviest exchanges between Israel and its neighbours since the cease-fire. The Syrians at that time lost six MiG-21 fighters, and at least 15 Syrian tanks were destroyed.

By late last night no casualties had been reported in the Syrian firing on the Golan, and it could not be determined what damage had been caused. A Syrian army spokesman said the shelling was a reaction to an Israeli air attack on Syrian army and terrorist concentrations last Wednesday. Radio programmes in Israel planes, in June 1970.

Some thirty minutes later the Syrian guns opened fire again. This time along the central and southern sections of the Golan. Three settlements — Bnei Yehuda, Kfar Ginat and Adik — were shelled. Earlier, on Friday night, the terrorists fired a volley of Katyusha rockets at Ramat Hamagidim. A loud explosion was heard by the settlers shortly before midnight on Friday and on Saturday, when security forces combed the area. It was discovered that the explosion had been caused by a Katyusha — apparently fired from over the border. No damage was caused. The last flare-up on the Golan was on November 21, when Syrian

MANAGUANS FIGHT FOR FOOD MANAGUA (Reuters). — Managuans showed, elbowed and kicked each other in a fight for relief rations as red flags indicating the presence of starving people, sprouted above the stricken city. Armed soldiers, including one who kicked at several queue-jumpers and another who shouted and banged the butt of his rifle on a table in warning, restored order at the relief distribution centre.



...a fine cigarette, for the demanding smoker! in the elegant flat package ESQUIRE for the sophisticated in Israel! American blend, empire size filter cigarette, made by Dubek



Tighter security abroad

Jerusalem Post Staff Israel is taking further steps to tighten already stringent security precautions at its embassies and missions abroad following the Bangkok incident. It is also urging foreign governments to follow Thailand's example in dealing with any similar Arab terrorist attacks.



Mapam parley backs outposts in Rafah

By MARK SEGAL, Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The Mapam annual convention closed last night with an unanimously adopted resolution opposing the inclusion of the Gaza Strip in the State of Israel. But by a majority vote the convention favoured "security settlement outposts" in the Rafah Approaches (Pibhat Rafah).

THE WEATHER Table with columns for location, yesterday's high/low, and today's forecast.

Social and Personal

President Zalman Shazar on Friday received Mr. Alexander Pele, director of the Masada publishing company, who presented Mr. Shazar with the 23rd and 24th volumes of the "Hebrew Encyclopaedia."

The Norwegian Prime Minister and Mrs. Lars Korvald last night were the guests of Defence Minister Moshe Dayan at his home in Zehala.

Mr. Jack Jones, General Secretary of the British Transport Workers Union, called on Transport Minister Shimon Peres on Friday. He also called on the Deputy Secretary-General of the Histadrut, Mr. Yerulam Meshel.

The presentation ceremony of the 1972 Sara Reichstein Journalism Memorial Prize will be held today December 31, at 4.30 p.m. at Beit Sokolov, Tel Aviv.

Drs. Kempinsky and Krasnik from Copenhagen will lecture (in English) on Tuesday, January 2, at 8 p.m., at Beit Shalom, Rehov Ahad Ha'am 20, Jerusalem, on "Socio-Jewish Studies Among Polish-Jewish Refugees in Denmark," under the auspices of Friends of Denmark in Israel. The public is invited.

BIRTH KUSHLEVITCH To Della, wife of Morris Kushlevitch, on December 30, 1972, at Assuta Hospital, Tel Aviv, a son, brother to Erel, grandchild to Baruch and Faigel Braude and Elka Laufer.

MEMORIAL CEREMONY The memorial ceremony for the 35 Hagana fighters who fell on their way to relieve the Etzion Bloc in 1948 will be held one week from tomorrow — on Monday, January 8 — at the Military Cemetery on Herzl in Jerusalem — and not tomorrow, as erroneously printed earlier. The ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m. at 4 p.m. there will be another observance of the anniversary at Kibbutz Netiv Ha'amad-Heh, which is named for the fallen men.

Fashionable Furs — of course at Rosen's Fur Salon, 72 Allenby Rd., Tel Aviv, Tel. 615990. Open all day. 1973 styles. (Advt.)

ARRIVALS Dr. Hans Lamm president of the Jewish Community of Munich, for a short visit.

DEPARTURES Arye Dizenchik, editor of "Ma'ariv," and Gideon Rubin, general manager of the Knesset company for Istanbul, to discuss preparations for next year's Jerusalem conference of the International Press Institute with I.P.I. director Ernest Meyer.

B.Z. Goldberg, Yiddish writer, dies here, 78

TEL AVIV. — New York Yiddish journalist and writer Ben Zion Goldberg died suddenly here of a heart attack on Friday afternoon, only two days after arriving for a visit. He was 78.

Peking blames U.S., Soviet for tense Mideast situation

TOKYO (AP). — Communist China denounced the U.S. yesterday for arming and encouraging Israel, and blasted the Soviet Union for trying "to keep a firm hold" over the Arab region.

HAPPY ENDING. — A toast to the release of the Israeli hostages in Bangkok is raised by Prime Minister Golda Meir, Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Alon and Foreign Minister Abba Eban, in the Prime Minister's Tel Aviv office at 2.30 a.m. on Friday, shortly after receiving the good news.

Six were tied hand and foot

Munich tragedy on their minds but hostages 'managed to joke'

By GEORGE LEONOF Jerusalem Post Correspondent BANGKOK. — "The Munich tragedy was never far from our thoughts as we lay flat on our stomachs, tied to one another hand and foot — even though we managed to make jokes," Ambassador to Cambodia Shimon Avimor told me.

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(Continued from Page One) force at Cairo airport as the Thai airliner prepared to land. Reporters and photographers were kept far from the vehicle which took the terrorists away. The windows of the car were curtained.

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When asked about staying at the Israeli Embassy, Ambassador el-Essawy said he was "technically" at a Palestinian embassy, since a Palestinian flag had been hoisted on the building. He told reporters he was due to report on the entire affair to Premier Aziz Sidiqi and Foreign Minister Mohammed Hassan Zayyat.

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By defending the terrorist surrender, the Egyptian news media seemed to be confronting radical elements which blamed the Egyptian ambassador for pressing Black September to abandon the Bangkok operation.

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When the terrorist leader became nervous. He insisted on checking the plane before boarding it. The Air Marshal praised Egyptian Ambassador el-Essawy for the part he played in the negotiations. "The ambassador spent the night with me inside the Israeli embassy, Marshal Dawee said.

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(Continued from Page One) being done," he said, but declined to elaborate any further on the question. The Bangkok press was less hesitant in explaining how two of the Arabs managed to scale the embassy wall and open the gates to the terrorists.

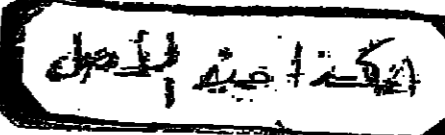
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Sharabani (right) scores Hakoah's third goal against Petah Tikva (Photo Sussakid)

Hakoah draws ahead at top of League

By PAUL KOHN Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter... Hakoah of Ramat yesterday scored an impressive away win over Petah Tikva...

At the other end of the table, Hapoel have not yet won in the towel, scoring their successive home win in Be'er Sheva...

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Spurs reach League Cup final Liverpool strengthen lead at top of Division table

LONDON (Reuter). — Liverpool moved into a three-point lead at the top of the English First Division soccer table with a 1-0 victory over struggling Crystal Palace yesterday...

Fourth-placed Ipswich town moved to within two points of Leeds by beating Birmingham City 2-1...

West Ham United lost ground when they crashed to a surprise 2-1 home defeat against Leicester City...

Newcastle United kept in contention over Sheffield United, who are one of the clubs involved in the relegation battle...

Scottish League Division One: Aberdeen 2, Dundee United 2; Arbroath 5, Falkirk 1...

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MEDALS TO FAMILIES OF MUNICH WEIGHTLIFTERS

JERUSALEM Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Gold medals of the International Weight Lifting Association were handed over yesterday to the families of four Israeli Olympic weightlifters killed during the Munich massacre...

The medals were handed over on behalf of the International Association of the Israel Olympic Committee, and three Israeli sportsmen, during the Israel national weightlifting competition at Givatayim...

They were given to the widows of Ya'acov Springer and Yosef Romano, to the parents of Z'ev Friedman and to a local sportsman on behalf of the parents of David Berger who live in the United States...

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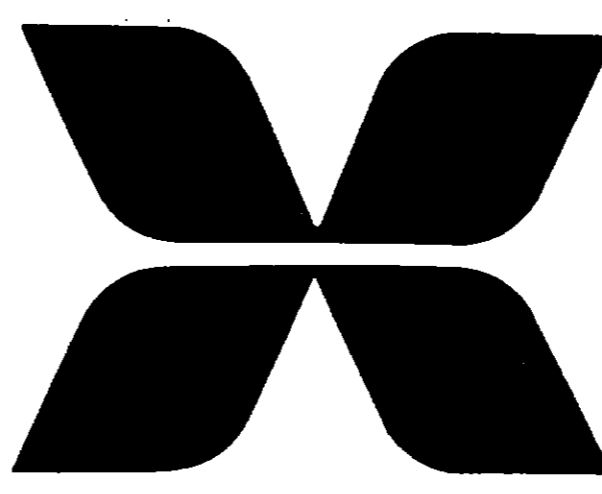
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Lottery advertisement for the 01/75 draw. Minimum prize fund will be IL 600,000. Includes details on prize amounts and submission rules.

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NATIONAL XV TROUNCE TEAM IN DEBUT MATCH

By JACK LEON Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter... Israel's newly-seleced team yesterday made their debut with a crushing victory over the National "B" Hapoel Stadium here...

The match was a warm-up first and second teams' week against the Cyprus & British Army rugby team on the island, who arrived in Israel on Saturday...

and coaches Bees, Cam-Cotter showed that they were the first XV into a strong line of backs and forwards...

The "B" side — skipper Aviv University's Clive with Steve Dencberg, of Aviv University, as vice-captain...

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Newcombe-Parun in Aussie tennis final

MELBOURNE (Reuter). — Australia's former Wimbledon champion John Newcombe will meet New Zealand's Omy Parun in the final of the \$42,000 Australian open tennis championships here tomorrow...

Newcombe, a triple Wimbledon champion, is attempting to win the Australian title for the first time since 1962...

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# Orange soil found on moon mostly glass

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP). — An intriguing orange soil discovered on the moon by the Apollo 17 astronauts is actually a deposit of powder-like glass that may or may not have been formed by volcanic action, space agency scientists said Friday.

"It's a silky type of material, the finest yet seen from the moon," said Dr. William Phinney, Mission Specialist Center scientist. "It's greater than 90 per cent glass."

Phinney said the material is largely droplets, spherules and fragments of glass which is a brownish to burnt-orange in color.

Dr. Paul Gast, chief of Planetary and Earth Sciences, said the orange soil was not formed as a result of a "hydrothermal alteration" or some volcanic action involving water.

This, however, he said, does not eliminate the possibility of lunar volcanic action, although it now seems less likely. The soil, he said, could have been formed by vapors or gases escaping from the moon.

Another scientist, Dr. Eugene Simons of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, reported an instrument called the Surface Electrical Properties Experiment discovered what "conceivably" — and underlining that word — could be deposits of water about 300 feet below the moon's surface.

Simons said the experiment, which bounces signals off materials beneath the surface, detected a horizon, or dramatic change, in the subsurface character.

He said there are several possible explanations and that it "could conceivably" be due to an increase in water content. "But he emphasized that these findings are very tentative and the horizon could well prove to be something, such as a more dense rock, other than water."

# 1973 looks bad for world's women leaders

NAIROBI (AP). — A hard time for women leaders of the world during 1973 was predicted here Friday by Sheikh Yahya Hussein, one of Africa's leading astrologers. Hussein said Israel Prime Minister Golda Meir will resign following a political crisis, Indian Premier Indira Gandhi will be struck by a sudden disease and Ceylonese Premier Shrinivas Bandaranaike will find the political going particularly rough in February and March.

Hussein, many of whose predictions affecting the African scene have come true, also forecast a "clash" between Russia and China in the next year with the death of the leader of one of the two Communist superpowers between June and August.

He said President Anwar Sadat will resign in Egypt before September due to ill health and King Hussein of Jordan will be involved in an accident between February and April.



Helicopter pilot helps to transfer a badly injured passenger from his craft to hospital. (AP radiophoto)

# Helicopters, swamp boats hunt for jet crash survivors in Everglades

MIAMI. — Coast Guard helicopters and shallow-draft swamp boats raked in and out of the alligator-infested Everglades swamp early yesterday to pull survivors and bodies from the wreckage of an Eastern Airlines Tristar jumbo jet.

An Eastern Airlines spokesman said at least 93 of the 167 passengers and crew aboard the plane survived but the other 74 apparently perished when the plane plunged into the swamp Friday night, 30 kms. from the Miami International Airport.

Eastern officials said the 93 were definitely accounted for after checking five hospitals in the Miami area where the injured were taken.

The Lockheed L-1011 Tristar, powered by three Rolls-Royce RB-211 engines, was on a flight from New York when it crashed. It was the first crash of a Tristar since the aircraft went into commercial service eight months ago. It was also the first fatal accident involving the new generation of jumbo jets — the Tristar, the Boeing 747 and the Douglas DC10.

Former astronaut Frank Borman, now an Eastern Airlines vice-president, coordinated rescue efforts. Borman visited the crash scene about 2 a.m. and was asked to mud when he returned to Miami Airport.

Survivors reported that they had seen the airport's landing lights

shortly before the crash. They said it was about 30 minutes before the first of a fleet of rescue helicopters arrived overhead. The pilot gave no warning of trouble, they said.

The helicopters, unable to land in the two to three-foot deep water, lifted survivors aboard by lowered cables.

Dr. David Badenew, executive director of Palmetto General Hospital, said about half of the survivors admitted to the hospital were in critical condition, with broken bones and burns.

Coast guardsmen, police and volunteers worked through the night, slogging by foot through the muck, wending their way through slashing 5-foot sawgrass to reach the clusters of survivors and recover the dead. Flashlights and calls of distress were the only guide until portable floodlights were set in place.

SILIMY CRAWL. — As he lay on a stretcher at Palmetto Hospital, one survivor, 33-year-old Michael Laurie, recalled his ordeal: a crawl through the silimy waters, the screams and moans of frightened and injured.

"It was completely dark, cold and wet," he said. "Nothing left of the fuselage. We were in... a foot of water. I crawled as far as I could, a long way, 300 yards or so. I could hear people screaming. I yelled for them to get away from the plane."

Laurie said he was plucked to safety by a Coast Guard helicopter which could only hover close to the ground because of the wet.

"They dug us up just like you see in the movies," he said.

Coast Guardsman Don Schenick, one of the first rescuers to reach the scene, reported seeing looters taking watches and wallets from the dead.

Schenick also said he managed to reach one man whom he believed to be the pilot, but the man died while he was trying to rescue him.

Officers of the Federal Aviation Administration began studying tapes of pilot conversation in hopes of finding a clue to the cause of the crash.

NO SIGN. "To my knowledge, the pilot gave no indication to his controllers that he was in an emergency situation," said James Frazier, the area F.A.A. supervisor.

"It's the worst thing I've ever seen in my life," said Bill Hodges, a Coast Guard helicopter pilot.

"Bodies were all over the place." "Just two pieces of the plane were intact, the tail and a section of the cabin," Hodges said. "The rest of the plane was in a thousand pieces."

"Everywhere we tried to land there were bodies." One passenger said a stewardess led the survivors in singing Christmas carols until the first rescue helicopter arrived, about 30 minutes after the crash.

Rescuers set up a command post at nearby Micoosnoke Indian village. The Indians, who live in the swamp, helped in the rescue, but the tribal council refused to let them bring the injured or dead into the settlement. Police said the Indians explained that their religious beliefs dictate that a building must be destroyed if someone dies in it.

"There was a crash — boom — then the whole thing disintegrated," said passenger Gustavo Casado, 37, Casado, travelling with his wife and two-month old daughter, said "We were sitting in our chairs with our seatbelts buckled. The fuselage was under our feet but there were no sides and no top and there was water and swamp all around us."

He said he turned around to find the fuselage behind him torn and twisted into ribbons and the other passengers in his section gone. "We never saw them again," Casado said. (AP, UPI, Reuter)

# Dissidents arrested in Egypt

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter. Anti-government critics are being arrested in Egypt, the Egyptian press reported yesterday. The critics were being charged with agitation, especially among university students, and with activities "harmful to state security," it was reported.

There was no indication of how many persons had been arrested. In a speech on Thursday, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat referred to student "discussions" and conferences as "conspiracies" at one point, but later corrected himself.

Sadat warned that he would not allow "any polarization which would dissipate the power of the homeland, particularly among the youth, under the guise of the adventurous left and reactionary right."

Reuter reports from Cairo: Over 800 students shouted "Sadat, Sadat, where is freedom?" as they demonstrated on the Cairo University campus yesterday, calling for the release of some of their colleagues and others arrested by the authorities.

The students included many girls and represented nearly every faculty at the university. A wall newspaper put up on the campus was reported to list the names of about 30 students and a number of non-students, including journalists and lawyers, who it said were arrested early Friday morning.

Student slogans yesterday demanded the immediate release of those arrested, and threatened there could be more trouble if they were not freed.

# Mayhew raps Wilson for Israel support

By DAVID LEINNON, Jerusalem Post Correspondent. LONDON. — Harold Wilson has come under fire from predictable quarters in the British Labour Party for his forthright statements of support which he issued while in Israel over Christmas.

Christopher Mayhew, Labour M.P. and chairman of the pro-Arab Labour Middle East Council, declared that "Mr. Wilson's statements, as reported, were very surprising and in conflict with Labour policies and principles on several points."

The pro-Arab group in Britain's opposition party reacted strongly to the speech by Wilson contending that the 1967 Security Council resolution did not envisage total evacuation when it called for Israel's withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories.

"No doubt some frontier readjustments are needed in the Middle East," Mayhew said. "But this party has always opposed the acquisition of territory by military conquest, and Mr. Wilson has no authority for saying that we support the acquisition of Arab territory by Israel."

"Nor has he any authority for dissociating the party from the recent resolution of the U.N. General Assembly which condemned Israel 86 votes to seven for obstructing a peaceful settlement. Support for this resolution was expressed by an official party spokesman, Mr. Goronwy Roberts, in the House of Commons on December 14."

# Provisional I.R.A. chief arrested in Dublin

DUBLIN. — Rory O'Brady, president of the Provisional Sinn Fein, the political arm of the underground Irish Republican Army (I.R.A.), remained in custody in a police cell here yesterday following his arrest in Dublin Friday night.

O'Brady, prominent spokesman for the Provisional's political platform, was seized by police as he was getting into his car, in a move seen as a possible beginning to an expected widespread crackdown against the organization's leaders in the Irish Republic.

Sectarian assassins yesterday slew a Roman Catholic bakery worker, Hugh Martin, in his car in a Protestant sector of Belfast. His assassins escaped.

In Northern Ireland meanwhile, 11 leading I.R.A. figures were detained in a raid on a house in the Catholic Andersonstown District of Belfast. Their arrest followed the freeing from hospital custody of the I.R.A.'s battalion commander in Andersonstown, James Brown.

Brown was set free by a gang of seven armed men and two women who took him from the Lagan Valley Hospital in Lisburn, where he was recuperating from an appendectomy done last Wednesday.

The hospital is only five kms. from the British Army's Northern Ireland headquarters.

The arrest of O'Brady, 40-year-old mainstay of the I.R.A. Provisional wing's political platform, came following parliamentary approval earlier this month of tough new laws giving the government of Prime Minister Jack Lynch sweeping powers to crack down on the movement.

He is the second major officer of the Provisionals to be arrested in the Republic. I.R.A. Chief of Staff Sean MacStiofain was seized six weeks ago and has been on a hunger strike since.

In Belfast, the armed gang left two policemen injured as they moved in to liberate Brown, who was in the Long Kesh internment camp since his arrest six weeks ago until he was moved to the hospital for the operation.

The army raid into Andersonstown which led to the arrest of the 11 men was unrelated to the hospital incident. The spokesman for the army unit which conducted the raid said it had been planned beforehand.

He added that all the 11 taken were known to the army and were all guerrilla officers. (Reuter, AP)

LIBRARY AT SEA. — Los Angeles will build a library with its own boat dock for borrowers to sail in for their books, county officials said.

# Heykal says he refused to talk with Kissinger

CAIRO (Reuter). — Egypt's leading political commentator, Mohamed Heykal, yesterday disclosed that he had been invited to visit the U.S. for private talks on the Middle East with Dr. Henry Kissinger, special adviser of President Nixon — he did not accept.

Heykal said that Candel had met President Nixon, who welcomed his visit to Washington for "a deep dialogue" with Kissinger.

Heykal said Kissinger had also expressed the wish "to discuss the Middle East crisis with a party which represented the Arab viewpoint and not with an employee or an official."

# Jordan says terrorist lies are helping Israel

AMMAN (UPI). — The government charged yesterday that the information media of the Palestinian terrorist movement were helping Israel "knowingly or unknowingly" in a psychological campaign against Jordan.

A statement issued by Information Minister Sa'ad Abu Nawar said, "The majority of fabricated news is published by the news agency of the terrorist organizations which help the (Israeli) occupation authorities, knowingly or unknowingly, in their psychological campaign."

The Israeli information war, he said, is "aimed at sowing divisions within the Jordanian people and driving a wedge between the Arab countries."

Nawar urged Arab news media to check news about Jordan before publishing or broadcasting it.

One of these fabricated reports, he said, claimed that 200 persons have been sentenced to death and 150 officers referred to trial for plotting against Hussein.

In another development, government sources said Hussein has commuted the death sentences of five persons to 15 years' imprisonment at hard labour.

Ten other prisoners had their sentences reduced or were pardoned, known outside North Yemen.

North Yemen forms new government. BEIRUT (UPI). — North Yemen yesterday formed a new government pledged to press ahead with plans for unity with the South.

Yemen Republic inside a year, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

In a dispatch from the North Yemen capital of Sana'a, the agency said the new cabinet comprised 19 members, headed by Premier Abd al-Karim al-Hajari, a politician little known outside North Yemen.

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# Prof. Sabin reports on Israel's cancer pattern

By Maabec Deaa  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel has a distinct "cancer pattern," Prof. Albert Sabin, President of the Weizmann Institute, reported to a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, held at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md. Professor Sabin, who gave an overall—but, he admitted, not detailed—report on the cancer situation in Israel, touched briefly on the experimental work done at all institutions in Israel. However, he paid special attention to the recent reports by Dr. Ruth Steinitz, and her associates, of the Israel Cancer Registry, whose findings are based on a total of 51,194 new cases of cancer reported during the seven-year period, 1960-1966.

This Registry, Prof. Sabin said, revealed remarkable differences in the annual incidence of different cancers from different parts of the country. The variations strongly suggest that different environmental factors, of as yet unknown character, play an important role in determining the incidence of different cancers.

In regard to breast cancer, women from Eastern Europe had more than five times as much as women from the Yemen. Those from Eastern Europe had incidence of 61.6 (all subsequent figures based on the incidence of cases per 100,000) as compared to 11.6 for women from the Yemen. Next highest was Iran with 21.7 followed by North Africa, 23.2.

Women from Yemen also had the highest incidence of cancer of the cervix, 15; while those from East Africa had 4.1; from Iran, 5.3 and North Africa, 11.9.

Israel also had the lowest incidence of cancer of the uterus, so low in fact that the rate was not even calculated since it did not have five cases, while other women had the following incidence: North Africa, 3.6; Iran, 3.9; and East Europe, 5.6.

In regard to cancer of the stomach, women from Iran had the highest incidence, while those from North Africa had an incidence of 1.4; from the Yemen, 5.0; and from East Europe, 14.7 (i.e., as many times as that from North Africa.)

## MEN AND WOMEN

For those types of cancer in which both men and women are affected, such as the lungs, the incidence for African women (an incidence

of 4.5) and the Yemenite men (an incidence of 5.0) showed the least amount. However, the North African men had an incidence of 26.6, more than five times as much as their womenfolk, while the Yemenite men had only five, a slight bit more than their women.

East European men had an incidence of 28.0, almost three times as much as women (10.1), while men from Iran had 22, almost twice as much as their women (11.9).

There were also striking differences between cancers of the colon of those from East Europe (men, 22.7, women 22.9) and those from North Africa (men 7.9 and women 7.3); while men from the Yemen had a very low 4.8, but the women had more than twice as much, or 10.1.

As for cancer of the stomach, the Yemenites had the lowest rates, but the men (12.3) fared a bit better than the Yemenite women (13.4). Eastern European males had an incidence of 32.3 and females 19.0; Iranian men had an incidence of 21.3 and females 23.1, while North African men had 25.2 and North African women an incidence of 16.9.

## Taking care of famous floors

By Barry James  
VATICAN CITY (UPI).

ANY housewife who worries about keeping her floors polished might like to reflect for a moment on the life of Priscilla Grazzoli Medici.

Miss Grazzoli has a few of the most famous floors in the world to worry about — including those of St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums and some of the big palaces and churches in Rome.

And that includes not just cleaning and polishing huge expanses of marble, but sometimes ripping up rotten patches and restoring them from scratch. Nor is her job confined only to floors.

Miss Grazzoli, who has just turned 29, is director of the Medici Marble Company, which she says is the last firm capable of working with marble the way that Renaissance masters used to.

The company does a great deal of outside work in such places as the Chamber of Deputies or Colonna Palace in Rome. Its products have been sent around the world.

The marble altars of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York were made at the factory. Miss Grazzoli's grandfather installed them and married an Englishwoman he met on the ship coming back to Europe. But the Medici factory is best known for its intimate link with the Vatican. Most people think it belongs to the Vatican.

Until recently, an artisans' school at nearby Marino trained marble experts, but dropped that specialty for lack of students. The last two graduates of the class, Paolo Maruzzi and Alberto Di Lucca, are employed by the Medici factory.

"This is a unique place," Maruzzi said, pushing a pair of goggles from his dust-streaked face. "There is nowhere else in the world where I could get such good practical experience of working with stone."

One of the factory's biggest projects at the moment is making a copy of the circular marble mosaic in the House of Orontes at Herculaneum, one of the Roman houses excavated from the volcanic debris of Vesuvius. The mosaic, which involves cutting and piecing together hundreds of triangular pieces of vari-colored marble, is destined for the J. Paul Getty Museum at Los Angeles.

The factory is also constructing a new marble balustrade for the Chapel in St. Peter's Basilica where Michelangelo's Pieta is housed. The chapel is being rearranged to give greater protection to the sculpture, which is still being restored following a hammer attack on it last May.

Miss Grazzoli provides the business brains behind all this activity. She works from a ledger-stacked office in Vatican City, or at the company's main factory, a dusty building on the banks of the Tiber River.

Part of her job is to be on the lookout for rare marbles when they come on the market. Miss Grazzoli buys much of her stone from Greece.

## Visitors Gallery

### Busy doctor with health service ideas

PROFESSOR Philip Lee, who came straight to Beer-sheva from San Francisco to take part in the Bat-sheva Seminar on Health Administration and Health Economics at the University of the Negev, has very specific ideas about health services in Israel and the United States.

Though only 46, Prof. Lee has a formidable list of achievements to his credit. Assistant Secretary of Health and Scientific Affairs in HEW during the Johnson administration and former Director of Health Services in the U.S. Government's agency for International Development, he is at present Chancellor and Professor of Social Medicine at the University of California in San Francisco. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Palo Alto Medical Research Foundation, on the board of Medical fellowships, the "World without War" Council and the Mayo Foundation.

In addition to this the professor is happily married and the father of five children aged from eight to 13. His oldest daughter, Dorothy, came with him and it is her first time out of the United States. When and if he has free time he likes to read and play chess. He turned all five children into chess fans but his 79-year-old father can still beat them all.

For the last ten years Prof. Lee has wanted to come to Israel. He finally made it to this seminar in which he is especially interested. He will spend two weeks here and wants to see as much as possible of the country.

Though he is quite well informed about our present health services, he wants to see for him-



self how it actually works. He also wants to discuss plans for the new medical school in Beer-sheva. "We share many problems and we can learn very much from each other," he said. "One of your mistakes is that you overtrain your people. You train them for us, not for you. Your country can absorb only a certain number of specialists and those of your students whom we train, and who cannot find work in Israel, remain with us and are lost to your country."

Concerning the United States he wants National Health Insurance for everybody and with equal access. The Government should pick up the major share of the expenses and the family doctor should provide the basic services. Both the U.S. and Israel are lacking in adequate preventive health services.

Prof. Lee has very strong ideas about the war in Vietnam and thinks the U.S. should get out immediately. "Might is not right. The Government should admit its mistake in Vietnam, but remain committed to Israel."

"You're a different case," the visitor said. "You are not waging a war of aggression but acting in self defence. The Arabs had ample opportunity to absorb and integrate the refugees. Why did they not do it? The refugees are their own kinmen and they prefer to let them rot in the camps."

"I am glad that Israel is not giving in to pressure of the big powers and I hope it will continue like that." H. BEN-ADI

## TV-holdout Marlene Dietrich records first show

By Gregory James

LONDON (UPI). — MARLENE Dietrich is 71 this month. Many years as a television holdout, she has just recorded her one-woman show for the box and for posterity.

Hints, perhaps, that retirement had bit in the air? "No," Miss Dietrich said firmly in an interview. "I never think of giving it up. As long as they ask me to do it, I don't see any reason why I shouldn't."

She veiled off her forthcoming schedule as if it were the most natural life in the world for a 71-year-old grandmother.

"I'm going to do a lot of shows all over Scandinavia. I'm going to Miami next. Boston, San Francisco, all sorts of towns. After Miami I go on tour through England. That's in March."

She walks onstage for one of these shows and she's the eternal Marlene Dietrich — tall and willowy, sleekly gowned, hair, a platinum waterfall, winds half down and lips in a pouty smile. She opens the door of a hotel suite above the River Thames and she's tiny, not tall at all. Blue denim trouser suit, pale eyes with impossible false lashes behind perpetually grumpy glasses.

She dotes upon her family. Her daughter and two grandchildren are in London, so, of course, there must have been reunions, parties, family get-togethers.

**HARD WORK**  
"Not when I'm working, no. When I work I can't really do that. I arrived here a week before the show, and it really took every minute to prepare."

But her television special, to be shown in Britain Jan. 1 and in the United States two weeks later, is essentially the one-woman show she has done a million times. Why

so much effort to get it ready? "Most people think I come and do one little rehearsal and that's that. People who travel with a combi-bo, they can do that. They just arrive and play."

Perfection takes time, and Dietrich always has been a perfectionist. Even now no detail is too tiny to overlook. She told one cameraman at the TV show not to come too close or someone might see her gown's zipper.

Eight months ago she saw the shell of a new theatre being built in London and decided that there and nowhere else she would do the television show she resisted so long. So before the theatre opened they ousted the carpenters and let her use it.

### THE APPLAUSE

"Because, you see, when I come out on the stage, the applause I'm getting — I haven't opened my mouth yet. And it's not just the beauty of the costume."

She thinks it out slowly, with long frequent pauses to get it exactly right, her accent is faint but as distinct as the scent she wears.

"There's something else there. There's some kind of warmth that comes from the audience. And I think it's because they have known much of my private life."

"They know that I went into the army, for four years, and they like that. And they also know that I gave up my country because of Hitler. And they have some kind of warm feeling towards me."

"And they have some kind of — I don't know if I should call it respect, or something, but some kind of a thing for me."

She is not rich. No investments, no real estate, no art or jewels. "My money comes in, and I have to have it to live. I was never able to invest."



Marlene at London airport.

She has apartments in New York and Paris. Where does she feel most at home?

"No place. That is also one thing you've lost. To take roots again you can't do that. You think you can. But then it isn't like home. The bread isn't like home. The shops aren't home. Not like you're used to."

"The worst thing was that I lost my language. People who haven't lost their language, they don't know what it means, when you have to speak a foreign language morning, noon and night. That is a great loss."

But the adulation, the applause, the glitter of being "the world's most glamorous grandmother" — is that what all the work is for?

Miss Dietrich thought a long while, then spoke mutely, searching out precise words.

"So far I haven't disappointed people. And I have given some of the people — some kind of hope, and some kind of feeling that somebody understands what they feel. I have no regrets at all. There are things I am sad about. That is something else. But I don't regret it."

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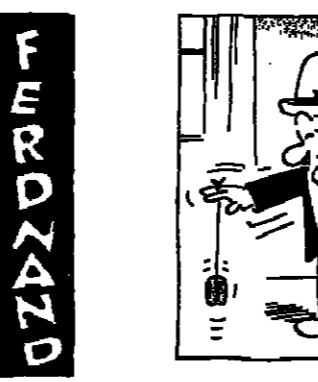
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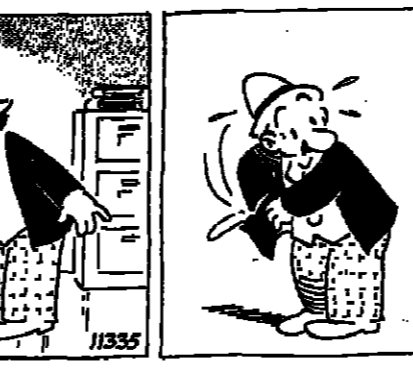
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# Business and Finance

## Prices rising on Jan. 1

TEL AVIV — Prices on a wide range of commodities are expected to skyrocket on January 1 when the new price control law goes into effect. Businessmen in the furniture and clothing trades speak of a price rise by as much as 20 percent. They said wholesalers and importers are forcing their prices up and talk of suppliers backing large stocks of goods, for example, in order to avoid the removal of the price-control ceiling. The same kind of report came from clothing retailers. However, others of imported electronic goods say there will be no price rise because of the large amount of foreign radio, TV and stereo sets, which have flooded the market.

# Gov't to revise policy on food subsidies

Finance Minister Fichas Sapir on Friday told the Knesset Finance Committee that the Government's policy on subsidies for basic food commodities would be thoroughly revised within the next six weeks. Stating that the problem of subsidy payments was deteriorating rapidly, he pointed out that less than 50 per cent of subsidized commodities go to direct consumption in Israel; the rest is used by industry or in the administered areas. He cited as examples that direct consumption accounts for only 44 per cent of wheat, 41 per cent of edible fats, and 24 per cent of sugar. Mr. Sapir assured the Committee at the same time that the Government would stand by its commitment to maintain present prices on basic commodities until the end of the current fiscal year (April 1, 1973). He pointed out that during the period January-November 1972 the Cost-of-Living Index rose by 10.5 points — as compared to 12 points during 1971. The situation could not be as bad as people claim, Mr. Sapir said, since during 1972 the sale of private cars was 42 per cent higher than in 1971. In addition, over 190,000 Israelis went abroad during 1972 — a 90 per cent increase over the 108,000 figure for 1967.

# 'Realism' needed in wage demands: Israel to have Added Value Tax in 1974

By SHIRAYA SHEPITO  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV — Finance Minister Sapir said an index which will have to be introduced in 1974 — if only to keep in line with the European Economic Community — Mr. Sapir told members of the Community Club here on Friday night rather than introduce the "AVI" voluntary act. He said that the government market negotiators did it as a pre-condition for a part of the accord. Finance Minister Sapir said heavy and the generous help of abroad is necessary to meet the present standard of living. He said the tax index will be a general reduction of taxes per cent. (A male wage-earner two children and a gross of \$1,000 will now be exempt from income tax.)

much of it for the defence establishment. Mr. Sapir called for "realism" in wage demands lest the country become "another Uruguay," unable to meet its financial commitments. He pointed that Uruguay was "the Community, Mr. Sapir told members of the Community Club here on Friday night rather than introduce the "AVI" voluntary act. He said that the government market negotiators did it as a pre-condition for a part of the accord. Finance Minister Sapir said heavy and the generous help of abroad is necessary to meet the present standard of living. He said the tax index will be a general reduction of taxes per cent. (A male wage-earner two children and a gross of \$1,000 will now be exempt from income tax.)

# Big drop in rates for land Registry

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Big reductions in Tabu — the land registration fee paid whenever a dwelling changes hands — were announced on Friday by Justice Minister Ya'acov Shimshon Shapiro. The new scale, which takes effect tomorrow, means that persons buying an IL100,000 flat will have to pay only IL1,400 instead of the previous IL4,500. On flats costing less than IL55,000, the fee will be a flat IL50.

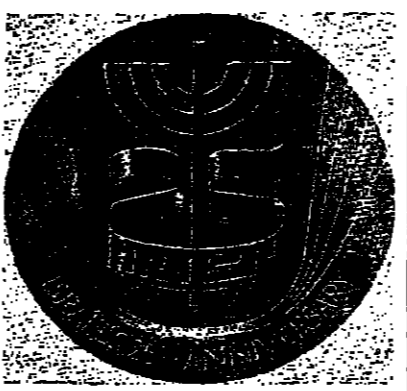
The aim of the new regulations, which were first proposed in September last for young couples and large families, is to reduce the fee on lower-priced apartments. The scale, approved earlier by the Knesset Finance Committee, is as follows:

The fee on the first IL55,000 of the cost is IL50. On the part of the cost between IL55,000 and IL100,000, the fee is 3 per cent. On the part over IL100,000, the fee will be 4 1/2 per cent.

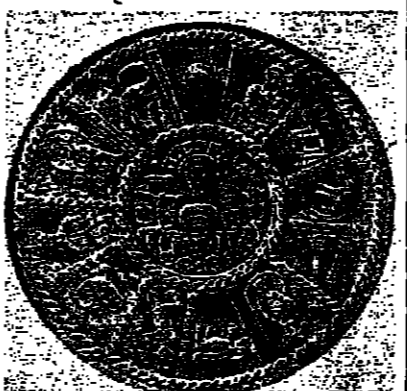
In the case of new apartments costing no more than IL175,000, the fee will be determined either by the above scale or by taking 50 per cent of the previous Tabu fee — whichever is smaller.

Besides the general reduction on all apartments, the new scale removes some of the great discrimination in favor of new apartments in the former fee scale. The Finance Ministry estimates the fee cut will cost the Treasury about IL40m. per year.

# \$350 medal for Israel's 25th anniversary



The two sides of the platinum coin to be issued by the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation for the State's 25th anniversary. The official 25th anniversary emblem is shown on one side, above, and the 12 signs of the zodiac on the other, below.



By AARON BERTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The first State medal ever to be struck in platinum will be issued as part of Israel's 25th anniversary celebrations next year. The \$350 medal, which will go on sale next April, will weigh one ounce and cost \$350. The face will bear the official anniversary emblem, and the reverse, a depiction of the 12 zodiacal signs found on a pazel in the 6th-century C.E. synagogue discovered in Bet Alfa.

Five thousand of the platinum medal will be distributed in the U.S. where there is a large concentration of collectors of Israeli coins and medals. Another 2,000 will be sold in Israel, for IL4,470 each.

The choice of platinum rather than gold as body material for the medal is contrary to American collectors. U.S. law forbids the sale of gold coins or medals minted after 1933, within the Continental U.S.

For less affluent collectors, the medal will also be minted in bronze (IL15 each) and silver (IL42 each). These prices are subject to change, however.

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# LAND DEALS: THEY MUST BE IN WRITING

In the Supreme Court sitting as Court of Civil Appeals

Before the Deputy President (Justice Bussman) Justice Berinson and Klster.

David Grossman and Others, Appellants, v. Sarah Biederman and Others, Respondents (C.A. 762/71).

No binding sale of land without written document

LAW REPORT  
Edited by Doris Lankin  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1972

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court delivered on November 28, 1971 (in Motion 602/71).

The appellants brought an action against the respondents for specific performance of an agreement to sell them land or alternatively for compensation. The respondents' request to have the action struck out in limine was granted by the Tel Aviv District Court on the grounds that the transaction was not binding as it had not been committed to writing.

The parties had apparently agreed verbally to the transaction and the appellants had made a down payment on the purchase. But when the verbal agreement was later reduced to writing the respondents refused to sign it and returned the down payment. The respondents then argued in the District Court that there was no undertaking on their part in the absence of any written document, basing this argument on section 8 of the Land Law, 1968, which provides that:

"An undertaking to effect a transaction immovable property requires a written document."

In their appeal against the District Court decision, the appellants argued that the written agreement, although unsigned, constituted proof of the verbal agreement to sell them the property in question, and that they were therefore entitled to specific performance of the agreement or else compensation for its breach. The respondents replied that section 8 of the Land Law makes the presence of a written document a constitutive and necessary condition for the existence of such a document there is no undertaking.

Justice Sussman then went on to compare the draft Land Law with the final Law, as passed by the Knesset. In order to show that the original idea had been to make a written document a prohibitive necessity only, and that this idea had changed in the process of legislation. He then set out his three reasons for deciding that the demand for a written document in section 8 was a constitutive one, and not merely a prohibitive one.

First, he said, a comparison between section 8 and section 7(a), which are not only "geographically" close to each other but also have a close substantive affinity, must be performed to lead to the conclusion that just as section 7(a) (which provides that "a transaction in immovable property requires registration") contains a constitutive demand, so may section 8 with its similar wording ("requires a written document") be presumed to contain a constitutive demand. Secondly, he continued, the marginal note to section 8 ("Form of Undertaking"), which it is permissible to take into consideration when seeking the correct interpretation of a provision of law, indicates that the intention had been that the document should constitute the undertaking and not that it was required for prohibitive purposes only.

Justice Sussman then went on to discuss the question of whether an order for specific performance of the agreement to sell the property could have been given even if there were no demand for a written document. The District Court, he noted, had held that in December, 1970, it could not have given such an order in any circumstances, and he fully concurred with this conclusion. For on the importance of not rushing hastily into a transaction of this nature, and reference to it in the Knesset discussions on the Land Law clearly indicates the line of thinking of the legislature.

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**Judgment**

Justice Sussman, who delivered the judgment of the Supreme Court, Justices Berinson and Klster concurring, noted at the outset that he had come to the conclusion that the demand in section 8 of the Land Law that an undertaking to sell land be in writing was of a constitutive nature, and not merely of a prohibitive one and that, therefore, the absence of a document in writing meant that there was no undertaking at all. For this reason, he continued, he saw no cause for entering into the two ancillary questions of whether the document in section 8 must include all the terms of the undertaking and whether it must be signed, and would leave these questions for decision at some future appropriate date.

**Legislative purpose**

Thirdly, Justice Sussman continued, the legislative purpose of section 8 is to preclude any hasty and frivolous undertaking to dispose of property, and this purpose, as opposed to a prohibitive purpose, makes the demand for a written document a constitutive demand, negating the existence of any agreement in the absence of such a document. That is to say, the legislative purpose of the law is to impress on the seller the importance and seriousness of disposing of his property may be gathered, he explained, from the words of the Chairman of the Constitution, Law and Justice Committee of the Knesset, when introducing the second reading of the bill before the Knesset with reference to the innovation in the law, the seriousness of property transactions and the analogy with section 5(a) of the Gift Law.

**English doctrine**

However, the remedy of specific performance had existed, and been applied, in Israel only by virtue of the importation of this English doctrine through the channel of Article 46 of the Order in Council. This meant, therefore, that, after January 1, 1970, and until March, 1971, when the Contract (Remedies for Breach of Contract) Law reintroduced the remedy of specific performance into Israel Law, no such remedy had been available, the concept of equitable rights in property upon which it might have been based, having also been abrogated by the Land Law.

Appeal dismissed with IL15,000 costs.

Judgment given on November 28, 1972.

# Additional El Al flight to U.S.

LOD AIRPORT — An additional flight per week between the U.S. and Israel will be permitted to stop in London, according to an agreement signed last week between Israeli and British representatives. The agreement, which includes the right to transport passengers between London and New York, will allow four such flights a week. The agreement was signed by Mr. A.P. Gardner, Britain's Commissioner of Civil Aviation and the Director of International Agreements of the Civil Aviation Authority, Mr. Ephraim Sussman, a Ministry of Transport spokesman said. Israel has tried to win this concession since 1959. The new flight schedule will go into effect in February.

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# No more power cuts in western Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter

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**BOUQUET FOR THAILAND**

THE smooth unravelling of the terrorist knot in Bangkok is evidence, first of all, that it is possible to prevent terrorist murder without violence, at least abroad. The circumstances of the Bangkok attempt to free terrorists held in Israel include several unusual elements which will not necessarily recur during possible future attacks, but they have demonstrated one essential point. If the government of the country in which the attack is made conveys the fact that it is genuinely and urgently determined that the terrorists shall not succeed, then the knowledge that they cannot escape is likely to influence the decisions of the terrorists.

The most revealing remark in the whole strange series of events in Bangkok came from Egyptian Ambassador Mustafa el-Bassawy, who said: "They (the terrorists) decided that (the friendship with the Arabs was worth more than six Israeli hostages."

Had Chancellor Brandt and the members of the Bavarian government been able to get across to the Munich murderers the idea that German friendship with the Arabs would suffer gravely if the Israeli hostages were harmed then things might have developed differently. Instead, it was allowed to become plain to the terrorists that the German officials were far more concerned that Arab friendship for Germany would suffer if there was any intervention, and as a result the terrorists may have felt sure that no action would be taken against them.

It is true, as Foreign Minister Eban observed yesterday, that the U.N. has served us particularly ill by deliberately refusing to deal with the terrorist issue, and pushing it away into an obscure committee. Neither the Arab states nor the Communist

bloc countries might have joined any collective anti-terrorist formula; but then terrorist acts in the Bangkok or Munich style are unlikely in either group. Four countries in Europe have demonstrated that they are willing to surrender shamefully to pressure and blackmail to avoid conflict with the terrorists; even at the present time Britain appears to be looking for an excuse to release the terrorist whom they accidentally caught getting on a plane at Heathrow airport with a suitcase full of explosives, although every such release enables the terrorist organisations to promise their recruits that even if they should be caught by any mischance, they will not be held long.

Thailand wanted no ill omen on the day their Crown Prince was formally installed as heir to the Throne, and that may have been our good fortune. The Egyptian Ambassador in Bangkok — whether on his own or on instructions from Cairo is not yet clear — did his best to persuade the terrorists to take their chance of escape. If it had been entirely the ambassador's initiative, without authority from Cairo, the two high-ranking Thai officials who joined the terrorists in their flight to Cairo would scarcely have been so very warmly received when they arrived there, so it may be that Cairo has accepted the hint, said to have been put out by Moscow, to the effect that Egyptian callousness over the Munich disaster cost Egypt a good deal of diplomatic support throughout Europe. If that is so, the terrorists have one base fever.

It is perhaps time that Europe should take a leaf out of Thailand's book and gather up enough courage to understand that it is possible to deal effectively with terrorists and even earn Arab friendship in consequence.

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**Meir thanks**  
**Thai gov't**  
**Released at airport**  
**as terrorists board**  
**Cairo-bound plane**

**BANGKOK (AP).** — Four Arab terrorists freed six Israeli hostages at Bangkok airport this morning, handed their weapons to a Thai officer and boarded a special Thai International direct flight for Cairo.

By 2 a.m. Israel time the hostages had met with Ambassador Rehavam Amir and he was able to report to the Cabinet in Tel Aviv that they were all alive and well. The Prime Minister's office said they were released at 1.30 a.m. (6.30 a.m. in Bangkok).

The terrorists took two top Thai officials on the plane — Deputy Foreign Minister Chatchai Chumhawan and Chief of Staff Air Marshal Dawee Chulaspaya — and Egyptian Ambassador Mustafa el-Bassawy. There were six other Thais on the plane — presumably including members of the aircraft's crew.

Prime Minister Golda Meir and Foreign Minister Abba Eban spoke to the freed hostages at about 2 a.m., and Mr. Eban asked Ambassador Amir to express Israel's appreciation and gratitude to the Thai authorities for their handling of the situation.

The four Arab terrorists accompanied by the six Israeli hostages bound with ropes boarded a bus outside the Israeli Embassy and left for Bangkok airport under heavy police guard at 1 a.m. Israel time.

About 100 newsmen were kept about 50 yards back from the embassy gates as the bus sped away in a police convoy.

Thai embassy sources said the U.S. embassy in Cairo had guaranteed the safety of the plane, but did not explain.

In a final touch of bravado at the airport, the four Arabs said one machinegun was a gift to Prime Minister Field Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn, another was for Gen. Praphas Charusathien, the army Commander-in-Chief, and their Palestinian flag was for King Bhumipol who reportedly guaranteed their safety.

The lead story in the third edition (2.30 a.m.) of The Jerusalem Post on Friday reproduced here for the benefit of readers in Haifa and other towns who received only the first or second editions which went to press before the hostages were freed.



Four of the six hostages after their release in Bangkok on Friday morning. Right to left: Dan and his wife Sarah, Nitzan Hadas and Pinhas Lavie. Also shown are the wife of the Ambassador Thailand, Mrs. Rehavam Amir, and two unidentified persons. (AP photo)

**THE DRAMA**  
**IN BANGKOK**



Egypt's Ambassador to Thailand, Mustafa el-Bassawy, smiles as he shakes hands with an unidentified official at Cairo airport.



Studying a plan of the Israel Embassy in Bangkok against the possibility that police might have to battle the terrorists are Maj-Gen. Sanah Sittipon, commander of the Southern Bangkok Police, left, and Army Colonel Naron Kittikachorn, son of Prime Minister Field Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn. (AP radiophoto)



Some of the 400 police and troops who surrounded the Israel Embassy in Bangkok Thursday night. (AP radiophoto)

**Dry Bones**  
 A new cartoon strip by Ya'acov Kirschen  
**STARTING TOMORROW**

**Readers' letters**

**HERUT CONVENTION DISAPPOINTING**

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
 Sir, — The denouement of the Herut party convention is a bitter disappointment not only to Mr. Wetman and his followers, but to all Israelis who take our parliamentary democracy to heart. Any hope that, in the next Knesset elections, the general voter will have

a true possibility to choose between two major alternatives has been extinguished by the decision of the Herut voters not to broaden the party by adding new forces to its leadership and to keep it closed to new ideas. Once again, we shall have a Knesset, in which a large Alignment bloc will face an array of small disunited parties, each of which represents only a special limited sector of the public.

Under such conditions, a proper balanced democratic parliamentary system cannot flourish. The final loser is the Israeli, whatever his political affiliation or preference.

M.D. YAELI  
 Ramat Gan, December 22.

**PENFRIENDS**

FRANCISCO L. TUMANDA (30), of Manila, Philippines, is a student who would like to correspond with Israelis in order to learn more about our country, and ways of life. As a hobby, he collects stamps.

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**Warning to the world**

Almost all papers deal with the seizure of the Israel Embassy in Bangkok by Arab terrorists, the editorials having been written before news was received that the six hostages had been released. Davar (Hatsadru): "The seizure of the Israeli diplomats in Bangkok under the threat of murder must set off a red light in every capital of the world, including the capitals of those countries which side with terrorism against Israel." Ha'arets (non-party), querying whether the Israeli Government "has the moral right to permit in its refusal in principle to surrender to extortion by terrorists," asserts: "The consideration which should guide the Government is how to avoid jeopardizing the lives of an unlimited number of Israelis throughout the world."

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**MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**  
**COMMODITIES AND SERVICES WHICH ARE UNDER PRICE CONTROL**

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry advises manufacturers and suppliers of services that, with the coming into effect on January 1, 1973, of the new law of price control, the Minister of Commerce and Industry will promulgate an Order effective as from the same date which prohibits the price rise of the commodities and services listed below.

According to the Order, the supply of these commodities and services above the established price, without the prior authorization of the Price Commissioner, will be prohibited.

For the present purpose, the established price is the lowest price at which the manufacturer or the supplier of a service was required to provide the commodity or service concerned during the period from 10th till 31st December, 1972.

The following is the list of commodities and services in respect of which the raising of prices is forbidden without special permit and for which price control will continue:

- FOOD PRODUCTS**
1. Carp
  2. Eggs
  3. Potatoes
  4. Frozen meat
  5. Milk and milk products
  6. Edible oils
  7. Margarine
  8. Flour, semolina (including pearl barley and "wild rice")
  9. Rice
  10. Bread (all types, including "baita")
  11. Sugar
  12. Onions
  13. Cooking salt
  14. Coffee beans
  15. Prepared soups
  16. Starch and glucose
  17. Yeast
  18. Matsa, kosher for Pesach
  19. Macaroni, ravioli, noodles, etc.
  20. Chocolate and cocoa
  21. Beer and malt
  22. Cigarettes and cigars
  23. Instant coffee
  24. Wine and spirits
  25. Non-alcoholic drinks (including fruit and vegetable juices)
  26. Frozen liver
  27. Fish and Seafoods
  28. Hummus
  29. Frozen chicken (Govt.)
  30. Black pepper
  31. Prepared baby foods
- METALS AND ELECTRICAL COMMODITIES**
32. Round moulding iron and steel pipes
  33. Sheets, foil, and anodes of aluminium
  34. Tin cans

**MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**  
**COMMODITIES AND SERVICES WHICH ARE UNDER PRICE CONTROL**

- TEXTILE AND LEATHER PRODUCTS**
35. Cotton yarn
  36. Dyeing and finishing of textiles
  37. Acrylic fibres and tops
  38. Artificial furs
  39. Rayon and nylon carpets
  40. Rubber plimolls and boots
  41. Work boots and shoes for men and women
  42. Cotton undershirts
  43. Socks and stockings
  44. Cotton underwear
  45. Cotton (baby) nappies
  46. School uniforms
  47. Children's sandals
  48. Cotton sheets and pillow slips
  49. Woven blankets of expanded wool or its substitutes
- ANNOUNCEMENT TO OWNERS OF ENTERPRISES AND SUPPLIERS OF SERVICES, IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALERS**
- The Commissioner of Prices in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry advises all owners of enterprises and wholesalers whose turnover in 1971 amounted to at least 10 million and whose products are not included among those for which price control will continue, that in accordance with the Order issued by the Minister of Commerce and Industry pursuant to the new law on price control, if a prohibition to raise prices, unless notified of their price rise has been given to the Price Commissioner, and if at least 30 days have elapsed since the notice was given.
- The prohibition to give such notice also applies to the suppliers of services in a number of categories as specified in the Order, whose turnover in 1971 reached no less than 2.5 million. Any act in contravention of the above constitutes an offence.
- LIGHT INDUSTRY**
75. Plywood
  76. Paper
  77. Cardboard
  78. Corrugated cardboard
  79. Carbon paper
  80. Decorative laminated board (formica)
  81. Clinical thermometers
  82. Medical plaster
  83. Pencils for schools (No. 2)
  84. Educational text books
  85. 24 and 40 leaf exercise books
  86. Medical cotton wool
- CHEMISTRY AND ELASTICS**
87. Tyres and inner tubes
  88. Basic chemistry, fertilizers, bromine, ammonia, urea-acid products, carbide explosives
  89. Soap and detergent
  90. Fairly and liquors
  91. Pesticides and agricultural products
  92. Fuel products
  93. Lubricating oils
  94. Matches
  95. Quick and slaked lime
  96. Diester of Paris, butyl and lime
  97. Glass bottles and laboratory glass
  98. Formal sanitary cartons (lavatory pans and sinks)
  99. Cement
  100. Asbestos cement products
  101. P.V.C.
  102. Polyethylene
  103. Polystyrene
  104. Phenol, formaldehyde, formaldehyde poly-formaldehyde
  105. Oxygen, hydrogen, nitrogen, and argon
  106. Sulfuric acid
  107. Gravel
  108. Chloric acid
  109. Chlorine
  110. Pharmaceutical products
- SERVICES**
111. Gas services
  112. Water-drilling
  113. Public bus transport
  114. Road haulage
  115. Public transport in Israel
  116. Electricity
  117. Water
  118. Storage in bond
  119. Storage in silos
  120. Kindergarten services, undertaken, a period of time to electrical equipment
  121. Repair and maintenance of electrical equipment (including heating services)
  122. Central heating and water heating (including heating services)
  123. Laundries
  124. Cleaners
  125. Men's and women's dressing shops